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5 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
6 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

7 BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CALIFORNIA )  
8 IRONWORKERS FIELD PENSION TRUST, *et al.*, )  
9 Plaintiffs, )  
10 vs. )  
11 MERCURY STEEL & PLACING, INC., )  
12 Defendant. )  
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Case No. 2:13-cv-01116-APG-GWF

**FINDINGS AND  
RECOMMENDATION**

14 This matter is before the Court on the undersigned's recommendation to administratively  
15 close the above captioned case due to inactivity.

16 This action arose out of Plaintiff's Registration of Foreign Judgment (#1) filed on January  
17 17, 2013. The parties subsequently filed a Stipulation for Judgment Debtor Exam (#8) on July 30,  
18 2014. On October 10, 2013, the Court permitted Defendant's counsel to withdraw and ordered  
19 Defendant to retain new counsel by October 24, 2013. *See Order, Doc. #15.* After Defendant  
20 failed to comply, the Court issued an Order (#16) on November 12, 2013 again instructing  
21 Defendant to retain new counsel by November 23, 2013. On February 4, 2014, the undersigned  
22 ordered Defendant to show cause why, despite the issuance of two court orders, it had not yet  
23 retained counsel. *See Dkt. #18.* At a hearing on the matter, Mr. Traversie, representing Mercury  
24 Steel & Placing, Inc., advised the Court that he was unable to afford counsel and was currently  
25 looking for representation. *See Dkt. #19.* At the same hearing, Plaintiff moved the Court for an  
26 order to conduct a judgment debtor exam. The undersigned gave Defendant thirty days to retain  
27 counsel before permitting Plaintiff to file its amended motion for judgement debtor exam. *Id.* No  
28 action has since been taken in this matter.

1 An administrative closure is an order by the Court that removes the case from the court's  
2 active docket. *See Lehman v. Revolution Portfolio L.L.C.*, 166 F.3d 389, 392 (1st Cir. 1999). An  
3 order administratively closing a case is a docket management tool that has no jurisdictional effect.  
4 *See Dees v. Billy*, 394 F.3d 1290, 1294 (9th Cir. 2005). Therefore administratively closing a case is  
5 not a dismissal or final decision. *See South La. Cement, Inc. v. Van Aalst Bulk Handling, B.V.*, 383  
6 F.3d 297, 302 (5th Cir. 2004). No action has been taken in this matter since February 21, 2014.  
7 *See Dkt. #19*. Therefore the undersigned finds that the parties' failure to actively pursue this action  
8 necessitates the need for an administrative closure. Accordingly,

9 **RECOMMENDATION**

10 **IT IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED** that the Clerk of the Court administratively close the  
11 above captioned case. Either party may seek, by motion, to reopen this case in the event further  
12 action is required by the Court.

13 **NOTICE**

14 Under Local Rule IB 3-2, any objection to this Finding and Recommendation must be in  
15 writing and filed with the Clerk of the Court within fourteen (14) days. Appeals may be waived  
16 due to the failure to file objections within the specified time. *Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140, 142  
17 (1985). Failure to file objections within the specified time or failure to properly address and brief  
18 the objectionable issues waives the right to appeal the District Court's order and/or appeal factual  
19 issues from the order of the District Court. *Martinez v. Ylst*, 951 F.2d 1153, 1157 (9th Cir. 1991);  
20 *Britt v. Simi Valley United Sch. Dist.*, 708 F.2d 452, 454 (9th Cir. 1983).

21 DATED this 20th day of October, 2014.

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23 GEORGE FOLEY, JR.  
24 United States Magistrate Judge  
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